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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIRLIFT OF LIVESTOCK TO GDR

REF: BONN 7795; BERLIN 1498

1. SEABOARD WORLD AIRWAYS (SWA) HAS PERSUADED CAB TO REJECT APPLICATION BY AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL (AI) FOR WAIVER WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED AI TO AIRLIFT LIVESTOCK TO GDR. RATIONALE WAS THAT AI HAS EXCEEDED ANNUAL QUOTA OF "OFF ROUTE" CHARTERS TO WHICH IT IS ENTITLED OF UNDER CAB REGULATIONS. SWA PLEADED, AND CAB AGREED, THAT IN VIEW FACT THAT SWA HAS CAPACITY AVAILABLE FOR THIS LIFT AND POSSESSES AUTHORITY TO PERFORM IT, AI APPLICATION SHOULD BE DENIED.

2. SWA NOW PLANS TO CONTACT SHIPPER (ILLINOIS PRODUCE INTERNATIONAL IN CHICAGO) AND SHIPPER'S AGENT (J.D. SMITH
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CO-INTEROCEAN INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK) IN EFFORT OBTAIN

BUSINESS. THIS MAY PROVE UNFRUITFUL INASMUCH AS SMITH-INTEROCEAN REPORTEDLY AT ODDS WITH SWA OVER UNPAID CLAIM STEMMING FROM SEPARATE AIRLIFT BY SWA EARLIER IN YEAR.

3. AT OUR REQUEST, SWA IS AGAIN STUDYING FEASIBILITY OF LANDING AT LEIPZIG, AND HAS AGREED IN ANY EVENT TO PROPOSE TO GDR AUTHORITIES THAT FLIGHT TERMINATE THERE. INFO AVAILABLE TO SWA IS THAT LEIPZIG HAS 8,200-FOOT RUNWAY WHICH WOULD "BARELY ADEQUATE" FOR DC-8 CONTEMPLATED FOR THIS LIFT. SWA WOULD THEREFORE WELCOME ANY INFO BONN/BERLIN CAN PROVIDE ON LEIPZIG AIRFIELD, INCLUDING ABILITY TO START DC-8, AVAILABLE LIVESTOCK RAMPS AND OTHER HANDLING EQUIPMENT, FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, ETC.

4. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED SWA THAT ROUTING --WHETHER IN OR OUTSIDE CORRIDORS-- IS MATTER OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE, AND SWA HAS AGREED TO MAKE NO COMMITMENT ON THIS SCORE WITHOUT CONSULTING US. SWA REP HERE WILL INFORM SWA REP IN FRANKFURT OF SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING, AND ADVISE THAT, IF POSSIBLE, HE DISCUSS LEIPZIG FACILITIES WITH INTERFLUG OFFICIALS.
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